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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY OFFICIALS

1. POST HAS OBTAINED SKETCHY DESCRIPTION OF TRAVEL PLANS OF SULTAN MAHMOUD GHAZI, PRESIDENT OF AFGHAN AIR AUTHORITY AND TOURISM AND M. NADER MALYAR, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF AERONAUTICAL OPERATIONS. (NOTE: MALYAR'S TITLE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION BUT POSITION IS BASICALLY UNCHANGED.)

2. GHAZI PLANS DEPART KABUL SEPTEMBER 14 AND ARRIVE MONTREAL FOR IATA MEETING ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER 26. HE PRESENTLY DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLANS VISIT US ON TRIP.

3. MALYAR DEPARTS KABUL SEPTEMBER 21 AND PLANS TWO-DAY STOP-OVER IN WASHINGTON BEFORE JOINING GHAZI IN MONTREAL ON SEPTEMBER 26. PURPOSE OF STOPOVER IS CONSULTATION WITH WORLD BANK OFFICIALS ON LOGAR AIRPORT LOAN. POST HAS OFFERED MALYAR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH BUSINESSMEN AND US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. WE AWAIT HIS REPLY.

4. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS HAVE ARIANA AFGHAN AIRLINES OFFICIALS AMINULLAH NAJED (PRESIDENT), SAYED GHULAM HAZRAT (CONTROLLER) AND EHSAN GRAN (COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR) ALL ATTENDING IATA CONFERENCE. NO ITINERARY YET OBTAINED BUT PANAM OFFICIALS DURING AUGUST VISIT TO KABUL ASKED NAJED TO VISIT PANAM

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IN NEW YORK ON TRIP.

5. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE SPECIFIC TRAVEL DETAILS AS AND WHEN
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